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In re Patent Application of:  
Sabine Homann

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Art Unit: 3727

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Examiner: L. M. Ngo

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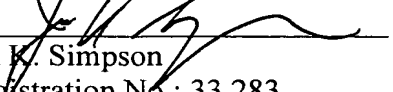
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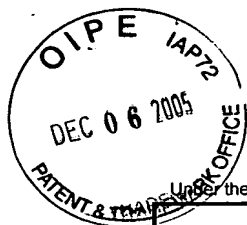
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	AA*	US-5,417,339	05-23-1995	Liu	
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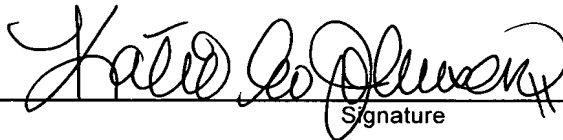
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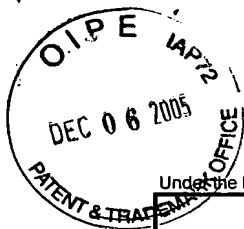
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	<b>FILING FEES</b>		<b>SEARCH FEES</b>		<b>EXAMINATION FEES</b>		
<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Small Entity Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Small Entity Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Small Entity Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fees Paid (\$)</b>
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
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<b>2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES</b>							
						<b>Small Entity</b>	
<b>Fee Description</b>						<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)						50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)						200	100
Multiple dependent claims						360	180
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